

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the center headings:

B¹ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

A. Field

Page 1, between the first and second paragraphs, insert the centered heading:

B² **B. Related Art**

Page 1, between the third and fourth paragraphs, insert the centered heading:

B³ **SUMMARY OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Page 3, between lines 8 and 9, insert the centered heading:

B⁴ **DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert the centered heading:

B⁵ **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED**
EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Pages 4 and 5, [✓]amend the paragraph spanning these pages to read:

ble A first analytical approach consists in determining whether the rapier band 1 is everywhere thin and worn once the temperature measured by the sensor 6 exceeds a predetermined value. This value is fed through the input unit 10 into the analyzer 8. Thereupon the analyzer 8 may illustratively transmit a control signal to a loom control element 11 that will shut down the rapier loom in case the predetermined value has been exceeded. Moreover the control elements also may generate an alarm, for instance they may light a pilot light, to alert the operator that the rapier band 1 is worn and therefore must be exchanged. Also one or more signals may be transmitted directly from the analyzer 8 to an optical or acoustic display 9.
